

REMARKS

Prior to this Reply, Claims 1-39 were pending. Through this Reply, Claims 13-29 have been cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, Claims 1-12 and 30-39 are now at issue in the present case.

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement, whereby the Examiner determined that the claims are directed to two distinct groups of inventions. Specifically, the Examiner found that Claims 1-12 and 30-39 (collectively, "Group I") are drawn to data transfer driver/operations, classified in class 360, subclass 67, and that Claims 13-29 ("Group II") are drawn to self servo-writing, classified in class 360, subclass 75. Accordingly, the Examiner required Applicants to elect one of the two groups of inventions for prosecution on the merits.

In response, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (i.e., Claims 1-12 and 30-39) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled Claims 13-29 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fees associated with filing this paper.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number regarding any matters relating to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 13-29 have been cancelled.